

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : TO BE ASSIGNED  
Applicant : GUTTAG ET AL.  
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Title : DIGITAL BACKPLANE

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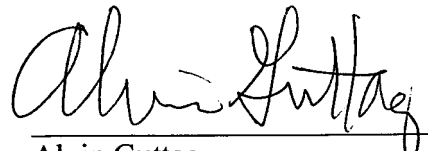
**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BASED ON APPLICANT'S AGE**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), Applicants hereby petition to make the present application special due to the age of at least one of the Applicants. I, Alvin Guttag, one of the Applicants for the present Application, am over 65 years of age.

Because the basis for the present Petition to Make Special is the Applicant's age, no fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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